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I, Douglas C. Meyer, declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America, residing respectively at 27381 Lakeland Road, Morton, IL 61550-9388, and that I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD OF MANAGING INVENTORY

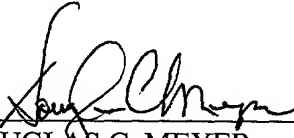
the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

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